

## **REMARKS**

This Response is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action dated November 10, 2009. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the patent application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.113.

### **Summary of the Examiner's rejections**

Claims 1-3, 11, 22-23, and 28-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631).

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Bovo et. al. (US 2003/0148755).

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0058161).

Claim 6 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583).

Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631), Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583) and Bovo et. al. (US 2003/0148755).

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631), Satt et. al. (US 2004/0248583) and Kavanagh (US 2003/0058161).

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Komandur et. al. (US 7327708).

Claims 12 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Jiang et. al. (US 2002/0044527).

Claims 13, 14, and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Chamaytelli et. al. (US 2002/0194325).

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Sen et. al. (US 6208620).

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Johnson et. al. (US 2003/0237016).

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Yokoyma et. al. (US 2004/0243715).

Claims 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Lau et. al. (US 7466652).

Claim 31 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sorokopud et. al. (US 2005/0058161) in view of Snyder et. al. (US 2003/0134631) and Nelson et. al. (US 7280803).

#### **Remarks regarding the §103(a) rejections**

Applicant has submitted herewith a declaration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 to overcome the Examiner's closest prior art US 2005/0058161 A1 (Sorokupud) which was used in combination with other references to reject the pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31. In view of the 1.131 declaration, Applicant respectfully requests the withdraw of the pending 103 rejections and the allowance of the pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the application to be in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant

respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 1-8, 10-20 and 22-31.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees for this paper and the co-filed RCE to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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